



**CHICAGO  
REGION  
TREES  
INITIATIVE**

Our Trees.  
Our Communities.  
Our Future.

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# What is CRTI?



- Collaborative effort to support and host a healthier urban forest in the Chicago Region by 2040.
- Forest comprised of diverse tree species and ages.
- Forest appropriately distributed across land use types.
- Provide improved environmental, economic and social benefits.
- Efforts built on science!

# Where is CRTI?



7 County Chicago Region  
(Chicago Metropolitan Agency  
for Planning boundaries)

# Who is CRTI?



**Executive Advisory Council** – The Morton Arboretum, Openlands, Chicago Wilderness, Forest Preserve of Cook County, The Nature Conservancy, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Illinois Landscape Contractors Association, US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service

**Partners** – public and private landowners and managers, contractors, planners, engineers, homeowner associations, developers, and anyone interested or working with trees. **Everyone!**

# Why CRTI?



It is a regional problem in need of  
a regional solution.

We need your help!

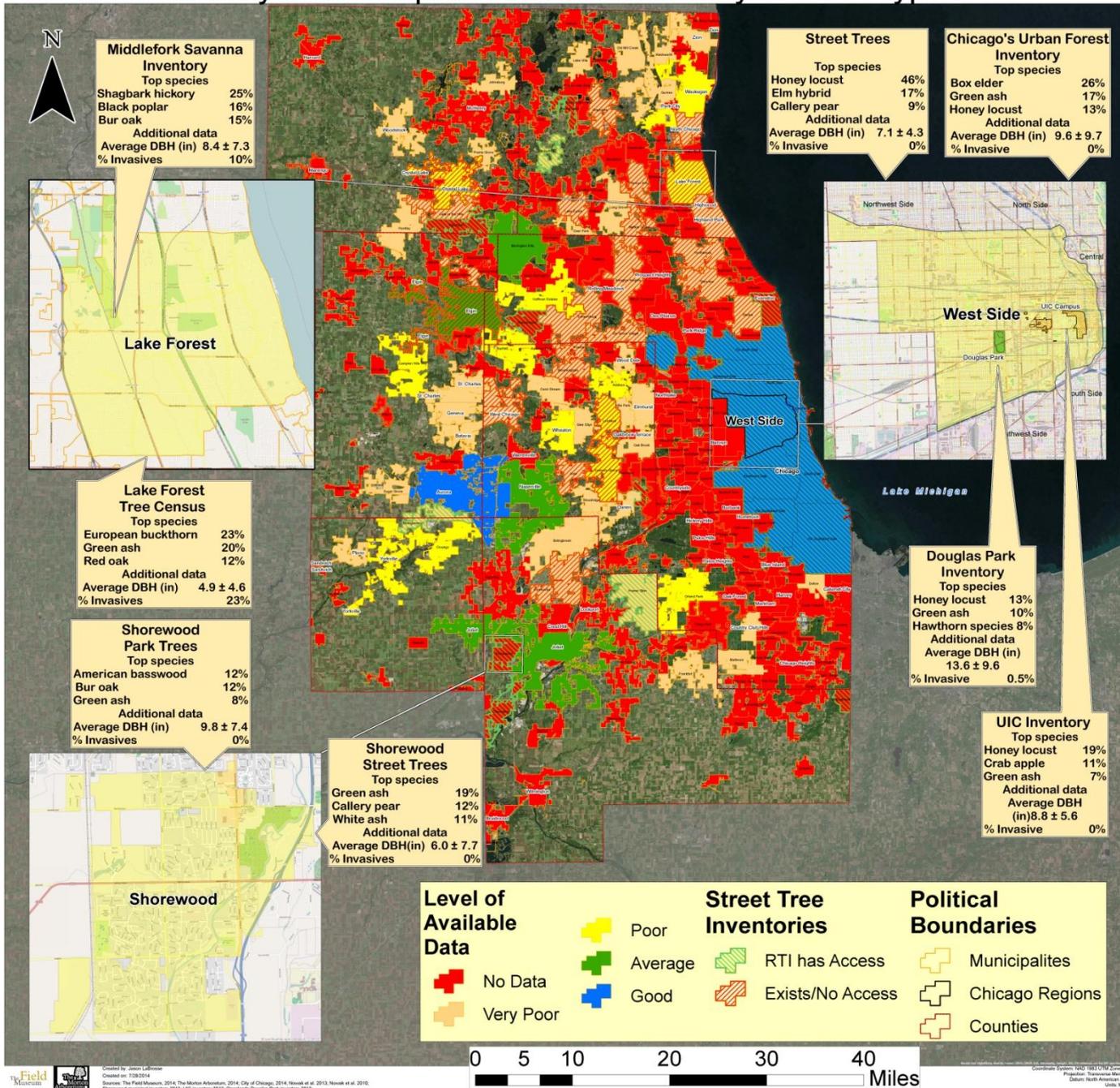
# What is going on?

- Forest Composition
- Stewardship and Planting
- Education
- Trees and Green Infrastructure
- Communications
- Risk Assessment and Management
- Industry and Association
- Resources





# Quality of Municipal Data and Summary of Data Types



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 Shorewood Municipal Inventory 2012; UIC Inventory 2010; Openlands Douglas Park Inventory 2012;  
 Chicago street tree inventory 2013

Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 18U  
 Projection: Transverse Mercator  
 Datum: North American 1983  
 Units: Meter

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# Forest Composition



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# Mapping



- Canopy Analysis
- Chicago Wilderness Green Infrastructure Vision
- Oak Recovery Mapping
- US Census Data
- Operational Capacity

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# Stewardship and Planting



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# Education



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# Communications

A screenshot of the Chicago Region Trees Initiative website. The page has a green and white color scheme. At the top, there's a navigation bar with a search box and a language selector. Below that, there's a main content area with a header 'ABOUT CRTI' and several paragraphs of text. To the right, there's a sidebar with a menu of links. At the bottom, there's a footer with contact information and a logo.

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## ABOUT CRTI

Chicago's regional forest is a critical asset that needs our protection. Trees clean our air and water, reduce flooding, improve our property values, create habitat for wildlife, and provide significant social and health benefits. In short, trees improve our quality of life.

But our trees need our help. They face threats such as invasive plants, including buckthorn and honeysuckle; the death of ash trees due to emerald ash borer; and a lack of funding for proper tree care. These issues are having significant impacts on the health and survival of our regional forest.

The Chicago Region Trees Initiative (CRTI) is a collaborative partnership for coordinated action on key issues facing trees. It is the largest such initiative in the country, with leading organizations and agencies from across the seven-county metropolitan region working together. CRTI is leveraging funding, knowledge, skills, and expertise to build a healthier, more diverse regional forest.

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### ABOUT CHICAGO RTI

- A VISION WITH OUTCOMES
- BACKGROUND DATA
- PARTNERS AND COLLABORATION
- MISSION AND HISTORY
- CRITICAL ISSUES

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# Risk Assessment and Management





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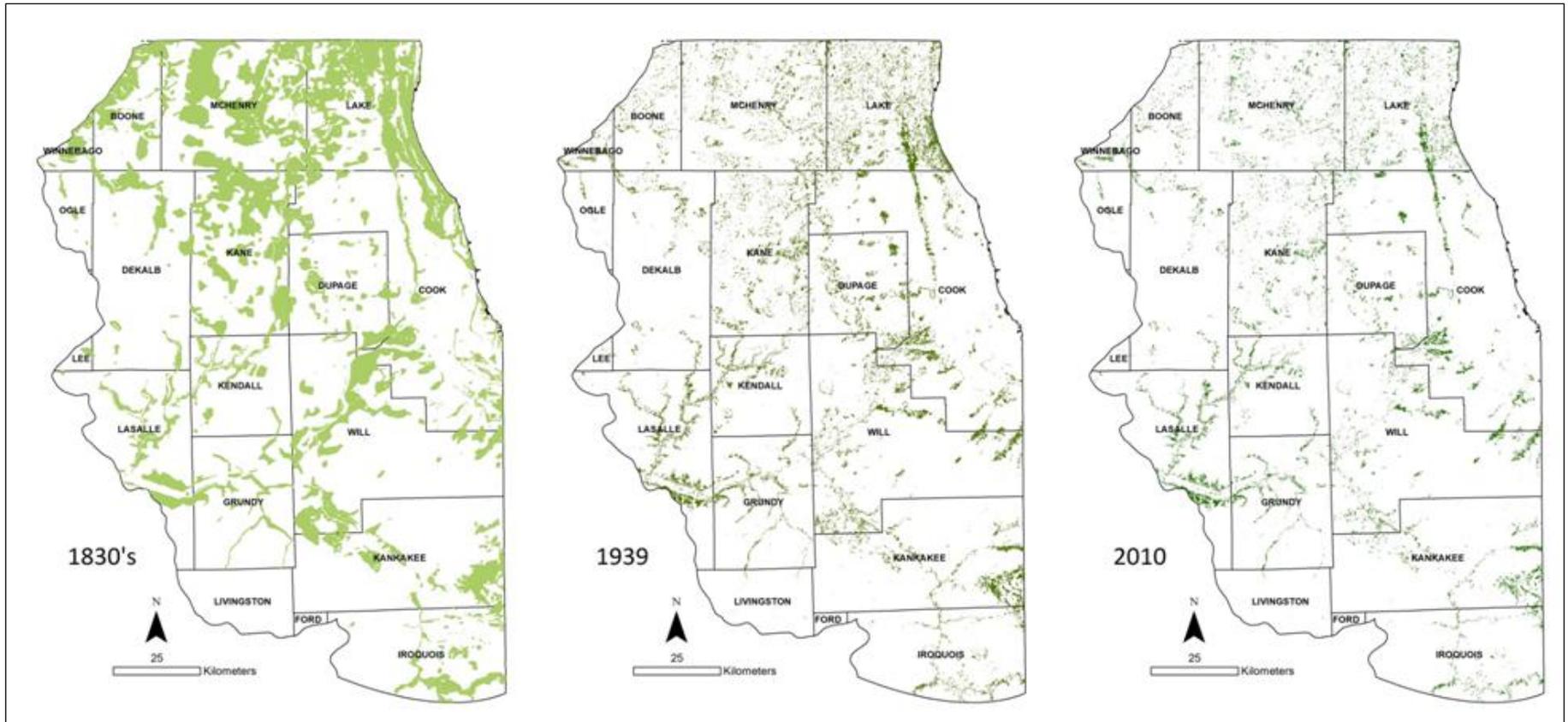
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# Trees and Green Infrastructure



- Forest Management Plans
- Policy – Ordinances
- Oak Ecosystem Recovery
  - Integration into Public and Private Management

# OAK ECOSYSTEM RECOVERY PLAN



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29% of remaining oak woodlands are publicly held

70% of remaining oak woodlands are privately held

1. Broad education and outreach
2. Improve management strategies
3. Public landowner engagement and assistance
4. Private landowner engagement and assistance – large and small scale
5. Expanded nursery production
6. Local individual production
7. Funding

# OAK ECOSYSTEM RECOVERY PLAN

## OAKTOBER

October – Oak Awareness Month



# How can you get involved?



Share what you know.

Engage others.

Take the CRTI message to where you work, live  
and play.

Participate in a work group.

Tell us what you would like us to know,  
learn about and share.

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